

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this Application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing Amendment, Claims 17, 19-23, and 25-30 are pending in the present Application. Claims 18 and 24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 30 is new. Claims 17, 23, and 29 have been amended. Support for the amendment of Claims 17, 23, and 29 can be found at Figs. 14-18 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

By way of summary, the Official Action presents the following issues: Claims 17-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Dorak et al. (WIPO Patent Publication No. 00/08909, hereinafter Dorak), in view of Kekic et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,537, hereinafter Kekic).

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The outstanding Official Action has rejected Claims 17-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Dorak, in view of Kekic. The Official Action contends that Dorak describes all of the Applicants' claim limitations, with the exception of a user interface at the information providing apparatus. However, the Official Action cites Kekic as describing this more detailed aspect of the Applicants' advancements, and states that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the advancement was made to combine the cited references for arriving at the Applicants' claims. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 17 recites, inter alia, an information processing apparatus operably linked to a device, having:

. . . an updating unit configured to update the device information and the connection status information of the device and the content information based on an information based on information that the communication unit received; and,
a display control unit configured to control display of the device information and the content information;
wherein the display control unit is responsive to the updating unit to reflect the updated device information and content information on a display to represent device information and content information in different ways depending on the connection status information of the device indicate whether the device is connected or not to said information processing apparatus.

Dorak describes a system for tracking usage of digital content on user devices. The platform enables content provider (101) to distribute content to customers via a transmission infrastructure (107) and hosting site (111) (*See Fig. 1D*).¹ Specifically, content is packaged to form secure containers (SC) for delivery. For example, as outlined in Dorak at steps 142-148 on page 25, a user purchasing a secure container initiates a series of communications to decrypt the secure container by access encryption keys of a clearing house (105) for obtaining symmetric key for decrypting content. In this way, the server sends a content package to a user requesting the content. The user may play back (or copy) the content by transmitting a request to the server, which includes data of the secure container. The server checks the data and transmits a license to the user and records usage of the content. As acknowledged at page 3 of the Official Action, Dorak does not disclose, or suggest, Applicants' user interface.

Kekic describes a client-server network management system, which includes client graphic interfaces (376), which includes a navigation tree (305) illustrating that network components.²

¹ Dorak at Figs. 13-19.

² Kekic at Fig. 3B.

Conversely, in an exemplary embodiment of the Applicants' advancements, an information processing apparatus is provided for exchanging device information of a device, connection status information of a device, and content information of a device. A display is provided for illustrating device information and content information in different ways depending on the connection status information of the device.

As Dorak does not disclose, or suggest, the Applicants' display interface, and, Kekic describes only illustrating connected devices in a tree structure, neither reference alone, or in combination, discloses, or suggests, Applicants' display interface, which provides device information and content information in different ways depending upon a connection status information of a device, as recited in Applicants' amended Claim 17, or any claim depending therefrom. Likewise, as independent Claims 23 and 29 recite substantially similar limitations to that discussed above, Applicants' respectfully submit that these claims, and any corresponding dependent claims, are likewise allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 17-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIM

New Claim 30 recites a more detailed aspect of the Applicants' advancements, wherein content of a device, at the time of a previous connection, is displayed when the device is not connected. Applicants respectfully submit that neither of the cited references, alone, or in combination, disclose, or suggest, this more detailed aspect of the invention.

CONCLUSION

Consequently, in view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present Application, including Claims 17, 19-23, and 25-30, is patently distinguished over the prior art, in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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